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The National Security Act

1. Pertinent extracts from the National Security Act, Section 102, are as follows:

"(d) For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security, it shall be the duty of the (Central Intelligence) Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council --

"(3) to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities: Provided, that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions: Provided further: That the departments and other agencies of the government shall continue to collect, evaluate, correlate, and disseminate departmental intelligence: And provided further: That the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;

"(e) To the extent recommended by the National Security Council and approved by the President, such intelligence of the departments and agencies of the Government, except as hereinafter provided, relating to the national security shall be open to the inspection of the Director of Central Intelligence, and such intelligence as relates to the national security and is possessed by such departments and other agencies of the Government, except as hereinafter provided, shall be made available to the Director of Central Intelligence for correlation, evaluation, and dissemination: Provided, however, That upon the written request of the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall make available to the Director of Central Intelligence such information for correlation, evaluation, and dissemination as may be essential to the national security."

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Congressional intent concerning CIA

1. Pertinent extracts from the Congressional Record for July 19, 1947, are as follows:

"Mr. KERNEN of Wisconsin. It seems to me from what the gentleman has said that the Central Intelligence Agency is one of the very important parts of this entire set-up. I wish to ask the gentleman if there is a definite coordination provided for between that agency and, say, the Department of State? For I feel that certain information of the agency would affect the activities of the entire system.

"Mr. WADSWORTH. The gentleman is correct. May I point out that under the provisions of the bill the Central Intelligence Agency in effect must cooperate with all the agencies of the Government, including the State Department. It is the gathering point of information that may come in from any department of the Government with respect to the foreign field, including the State Department, of course; including the War Department, through G-2; including the Navy Department, through ONI. That information is gathered into the central agency to be evaluated by Central Intelligence and then disseminated to those agencies of Government that may be interested in some portion of it."

"Mr. BUSBY. Mr. Chairman, I am particularly interested in the Central Intelligence Agency feature of this bill. That is going to be a very, very important agency and I trust when certain amendments are offered...the committee will consider them deliberately. ... I also hope we will protect the status of the FBI so that there will definitely be no authority for Central Intelligence to go into their records and books. ...

"Mr. MARTIN of Iowa. ... I would like to ask the gentleman whether he feels that the provisions for Central Intelligence in the bill now before the House needs amendment to bring it in line with that recommendation?

"Mr. BUSBY. I certainly do. I am not opposed to a central intelligence agency, for coordinating, disseminating, and evaluating intelligence from the various departments. You remember what happened at Pearl Harbor. They had intelligence, but it was not correlated and evaluated correctly. ..."

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